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COAL DEALERS HEAR FROM LOCAL FUEL COMMISSIONER.

Mr. James H. Thompson, Chairman of the Bourbon County Fuel Commission, has sent each coal dealer in Paris and Bourbon county a copy of the following letter, in which the dealers are given explicit instructions regarding the disposition of coal which comes to the markets:

"Paris, Ky., Jan. 17, 1918.

"Dear Sirs:—
"You are hereby advised that the Federal Fuel Commissioner of Kentucky has fixed the following gross margins of profits on coal sold by dealers in Paris and Bourbon County, viz:

"On coal delivered to the sidewalk or cellar of the consumer, \$1.90 per ton; on coal taken by the consumer from the railroad car, \$1.25 per ton.

"Also you are advised of the following order issued by the Federal Fuel Commissioner of Kentucky:

"Due principally to the publicity given the shortage of coal and the difficulty experienced in providing for the requirements of all consumers, the situation has developed whereby consumers with coal anticipating a shortage in the near future are unnecessarily adding to their supplies. The hoarding of coal by the individual beyond his immediate necessities and the delivery of coal by the dealers in a community in quantities beyond these actual necessities should be discouraged in every possible way. To insure fairness in the distribution of coal, it has become necessary to put in operation a plan similar to that in effect in other cities throughout the country. In this connection I am sending you a supply of declaration forms to be furnished the retail dealers with instructions to require all purchasers of one ton or more of coal to fill the same, which declaration shall be kept on file by the retailer, subject to the inspection of the Fuel Administration. It is absolutely necessary that this be done at once in order that coal may be confined in so far as possible to those in need of fuel and delivery prevented to consumers with supply on hand.

"Enclosed herewith are the declaration forms which you will please use under the above instructions.

"Assuring you of our willingness to serve you and the citizens of this community, we are

"Very truly yours,
"Bourbon County Fuel Commission.

"By J. H. Thompson, Chairman."

In connection with the above the following extract from a letter to Mr. Thompson by Mr. Wiley B. Bryan, of Louisville, Federal Fuel Administrator for Kentucky, will indicate to whom the matter of complaints regarding a coal shortage should be referred:

"All complaints or applications for relief should be made to the chairman of the local committee. No action can be taken except upon its recommendation and report as outlined. This will be saved by addressing communications direct to the local committee. A shortage reported by a dealer or consumer may indicate nothing more than an individual and not a community shortage. Complaints or applications sent to the United States Fuel Administrator or the State Administrator will merely be referred to the local committee. This committee will make a thorough investigation and report its findings with recommendations, to the State Fuel Administrator. If the latter, by exercising his authority, cannot get the relief to which the case is entitled, he will seek aid from Washington. The Fuel Administration cannot act except where the facts placed before it prove a general emergency, involving the whole community. Our duty is to assist the local committee and your duty is to educate the people in your county to communicate with you instead of directly with the State Administrator."

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CORRECT TEXT OF THE FUEL COMMISSION ORDER

There has been so much discussion pro and con, concerning the provisions of the fuel saving order recently promulgated by the National Fuel Commission that the issue has become somewhat obscured. THE NEWS has obtained a statement from Mr. James H. Thompson, Chairman of the Bourbon County Fuel Commission, which is official and final.

The statement follows:
"The Bourbon County Fuel Commission has endeavored, in interpreting the order issued January 17, 1918, by the United States Fuel Commission, to construe the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

"The information contained below, as sent us under official stamp from Mr. Wiley Bryan, of Louisville, State Fuel Commissioner, is authoritative and official:

"Manufacturing places ordered closed on January 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, are obeying the order and are showing such a desire to co-operate with the Fuel Administrator in a patriotic and loyal manner, the committee does not feel that it is necessary to issue any special interpretation regarding the order issued for these five days.

"By executive order dated January 17, 1918, the United States Fuel Administration directed that no fuel should be used on Mondays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, for heating or lighting any building or room for any business purpose whatever, except offices used by the United States, State, county or municipal government, transportation companies, banks, trust companies, physicians and dentists, and such as are used in connection with the production or distribution of fuel; also wholesale and retail groceries, which are allowed to open until 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of sale or food only. In this case is included those persons handling food for stock; also transportation companies are allowed to use fuel to the extent that same was used on the Sunday previous and no more.

"No fuel whatever is to be used in any other business house which is open for business during the twenty-four hours beginning at 12 o'clock Sunday night and ending at 12 o'clock Monday night.

"This order does not apply to hotels and restaurants where liquor is not sold.

"Where a building is not open for business, fuel may be burned in sufficient quantity only to prevent injury to property from freezing; also printers and publishers of daily newspapers may burn fuel to such an extent as is necessary to issue such editions as such paper customarily issues on important national legal holidays, and where such papers do not issue any edition on a holiday they are permitted to issue one edition on said Monday.

"For the purpose of selling drugs and medical supplies only, drug stores may maintain necessary heat throughout the day and evening.

"Theatres, moving picture houses, bowling alleys, private and public dance halls or any other places of amusement may open Mondays. On Tuesdays these places are forbidden to use fuel or light inside or outside.

"All laundries are exempt from the closing order on Mondays as well as the five-day closing period.

"THE BOURBON COUNTY FUEL COMMITTEE.

"By James H. Thompson, Chairman.

"John T. Hinton,

"Jno. T. Collins,

"Samuel Clay,

"Dr. C. C. Fisher,

"Committee."

IN THE SERVICE.

Mr. Miller Casey, of Paris, grandson of Mrs. Bettie McIlvaine, left last week for Ft. Still, in Nebraska, where he will enter the service of the United States in the cavalry training camp.

Mr. Clay Kiser, of Paris, who came home from the big Spears ranch, near Alberta, Canada, for examination for army service, returned yesterday to Canada. Mr. Kiser had suffered the loss of two fingers and was placed in Class A. He will not be called for some time yet.

Mr. E. Coulthard Fritts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Fritts, formerly of Paris, who has been stationed at Ft. Jefferson Barracks, Mo., on special duty, has been transferred to another department. Mr. Fritts is a grandson of the late Mr. John E. Coulthard, who for years operated the old grist mill on the Coulthard road, near Paris. He is a graduate of Georgetown College. When he received his appointment to army service he was teacher of physics at the University of Illinois, at Champaign, Ill.

FARM CENSUS BLANKS FOR TEACHERS FOR "TAG-YOUR-SHOVEL DAY."

Please call at the County Superintendent's office before January 24, 1918, and receive your quota of Farm Census blanks for the above work.

Also, receive the tags to be used in "Tag-Your-Shovel-Day" campaign Jan. 30, 1918. On this day tags representing a shovel and bearing suggestions for saving coal, are to be tied to practically every coal shovel in the country by the school children. Like the proverbial "string around the finger to remember by," these will act as a constant reminder of the householder to use his coal carefully.

Instruct children to take these tags home January 30 and tie to the family coal shovel, arranging to have volunteers from among the pupils tag the shovels in homes where there are no school children. The shovel tag will be a constant reminder before the family that one of the greatest services we can render toward winning the war is conserving coal.

All this work is going to require some time, but I am sure that you will feel glad of the opportunity to thus work for freedom.

J. B. CAYWOOD,
County Superintendent.

TO THE COAL CONSUMERS OF BOURBON COUNTY.

It is the desire of the Bourbon County Fuel Commission to serve the community in every way possible during the great emergency now existing on account of the fuel famine.

Due to the great expense of delivering coal in small quantities and due to the fact that the dealers' profit is limited by the Government we would urge all persons who purchase coal in small quantities to go to the coal yards and make their own deliveries. In doing so they secure coal at the same price at which it is sold in larger quantities.

JAS. H. THOMPSON,
Chairman Fuel Commission of Bourbon County.

SCHOOLS NOT INCLUDED IN GARFIELD'S FUEL EDICT.

Several teachers have called asking if Dr. Garfield's order to observe Monday as a holiday for next 10 weeks applied to the public schools?

In reply will say that I have just talked to Supt. V. O. Gilbert in regard to same and he says that it does not apply to the public schools.

J. B. CAYWOOD,
Superintendent.

THE WEATHER MAN STILL GOING STRONG.

Weather conditions in this section are practically unaltered, zero temperature prevailing yesterday and for several days previous. Thermometers in various localities yesterday registered eight below zero.

Snow and ice continue to hold on, interrupted sway, and the Weather Bureau holds out no hope of relief. County roads are in slightly better shape, due to the fact that they are being worked, and people from the county precincts are enabled to reach Paris.

Mayor January and City Foreman Mallaney did splendid work with the city street cleaning department in clearing Main street of the vast accumulation of snow last week. The men worked with a will cleaning approaches to sewer inlets and fire hydrants of ice and snow. Main street is now in a passable condition, thanks to the good work done last week by the department.

Workmen are gradually getting the telephone system in the county back in shape again. Farmers throughout the county have filled their ice houses with fourteen-inch ice.

Temperatures far below the seasonal averages during the four days are forecast for the territory east of the Mississippi affected by the fuel restriction area. Intense cold is now being experienced in the Ohio Valley.

Twenty-five fat hogs belonging to Mr. Thomas Henry Clay, Jr., fell victims to the extreme cold last week. The animals had been placed in shelter, on the farm, but the cold was too severe. When one of the hands went to feed the hogs he found them frozen to death.

The extreme cold has played havoc with potatoes stored in cellars. One farmer residing on the Georgetown pike had 1,500 bushels of potatoes stored in his cellar. The whole lot was frozen, making a complete loss. Another farmer lost six hundred bushels, which were frozen and rendered absolutely worthless as food.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE.

Letters have been received in Paris by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hutchcraft, from their son, Lieut. R. B. Hutchcraft, Jr., who is somewhere in France with the American Expeditionary Force under command of General Pershing. The letters are in Lieut. Hutchcraft's usual entertaining style and relate in graphic way his experiences and impressions of the army life in France.

FATALLY BURNED BY CLOTHES CATCHING FIRE.

Mrs. Grover Butler, aged twenty-one, wife of Mr. Grover Butler, the Main street liveryman, was fatally burned about the face, head and body early yesterday morning, when her clothing caught fire from a gas stove.

Mrs. Butler had just finished breakfast, her husband having gone to the stable, and was standing with her back to the gas stove. A gust of air blew her dress into the stove, and in a minute her clothing was a mass of flames. The unfortunate woman ran screaming into the street, first going to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, and then endeavored to reach the stable, a short distance away, but fell in the snow. Neighbors and Mr. Butler hearing her screams, ran to her assistance, her husband smothering the flames with a heavy blanket. Mrs. Butler was taken to her home and physicians summoned, who applied first-aid-to-the-injured remedies. Mrs. Butler's body was badly burned, particles of flesh adhering to the blanket when it was removed by the physicians.

The Davis ambulance was summoned, and Mrs. Butler removed to the Massie Memorial Hospital, where every effort was made to relieve her sufferings. She lingered in intense agony until two o'clock, when death came. The body was taken to the home of her father-in-law, Mr. W. O. Butler, on the Bethlehem pike, near Paris.

Mrs. Butler is survived by her husband, Mr. Grover Butler; two sisters, Mrs. A. Toadvine, of Bourbon county, and Mrs. Wm. Hitch, of Millersburg, and one brother, Mr. Roy Clifford, of Millersburg.

Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. W. O. Butler, on the Bethlehem pike, at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) morning, conducted by Rev. R. C. Goldsmith, pastor of the Paris Baptist church. The interment will follow in the Paris Cemetery.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS HAD THEIR TROUBLES.

How would you like to be a rural mail carrier? Not much, if you had some of the experiences that befell the Bourbon county carriers last week.

All of the carriers on the eight routes out the Paris postoffice reported they had a great deal of trouble in making their trips last week. In some places the snow was so deep that they were compelled to leave the road and make a detour through fields in order to get over their routes. One of the carriers, Mr. John Spears, on rural route 1, had four fingers frozen in the performance of duty serving patrons on his route.

Other carriers made unsuccessful attempts to keep up their schedule trips.

On the whole, the patrons of the eight rural routes were well taken care of by the carriers, who braved the elements and personal discomforts in performing their duties. The patrons of these routes should bear with patience such delays as may occur during this weather, as they are inevitable, and they should consider themselves fortunate in having such a good class of men at their service.

GERMAN ALIENS MUST REGISTER AT ONCE.

Upon Chief of Police Fred Link will develop the duty of registering any German aliens who may be in Paris or Bourbon county. Chief Link is in receipt of a copy of the general rules and regulations prescribed by the Attorney-General of the United States, which covers the registration of alien enemies. The instructions issued by Chief Link to alien enemies of German birth in Bourbon county, are as follows:

"By order of the Attorney General of the United States, this is to notify all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of the German Empire or of the Imperial German Government, being males of the age of 14 and upwards, who are within the United States and not actually naturalized as American citizens that they are required to register as such aliens in the manner provided by law, full details will be published generally as news items in the daily press.

"The place of registration will be at the Engine House in City Hall, on High street.